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#### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

#### Weather

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Forecast for hursday and Friday:
Virginia—Fair Thursday, rain at night in Friday, except probably new and coldinate friday, in the mountain district; fresh outh winds.
North Carolina—Fair Thursday, rain a tight or Friday, except fair on the coast; older Friday in west portion; fresh south rinds.

indications are that the mild, "leasant weather of the past few days will not last, and there is fear of roin, "" snow in some quarters, for Christmas Day.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC. 

Richmond.

Considerable damage results from a re on lower Main Street—Exhitarating net-Christmas seene looked for to-nisht a Broad Street—Special Christmas dinerapropared at the almshouse and penalistitutions—Judge Wickinan dismissing case, deciaring that he did not believe his testimony of a witness—no occas.on alarm on account of the recent maringes which are technically irregular—Net-Reper given five years in the penilinges which are technically irregular—Old titzen critically ill—Consolidation of regious papers which have heretofore not een friendly—Legislature adjourns intil ecember 20th—First report of the Committee of State Hospitals—Cazdal. Gray Bossleux declaces the majority of the Seventieth Regiment—Case of A. Coylar is continued—George Hobough, but by a nogro at West Point, died here esterday—Big ontertalment at the M. C. A. to-morrow—Statue of Dr. reguire placed on its pedestal—Water conditions in the philosofian hall at the college—A hristmas breakfast to be given the comprow—The Childrey contempt case is mission to take three days holday. ANCHESTER—Officers of Clopton treet Sunday school electel—Music alerd Mristmas goods active—New Council pensel on the holdays—Sale of the holdays—Sale of hirstmas goods active—New Council pensel on the persuant of the pensel on the holdays—Sale of hirstmas goods active—New Council pensel on the pensel of the pensel on the pensel o

Important charters issued by tary of State.

#### General.

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Holiday duliness still pervades the stock market, and this is added to be the bel of that war between Japan and Russia cannot be avoided—Sixty-three persons in Baltimore and Onlo in Pennsylvania Well-informed persons in Pekin feel that war between Japan and Russia is invitable, as it is firmly seen that Japan with rather fight than recede from this position in Japan with rather fight than recede from this position in Japan with rather fight than recede from the Japan with rather fight than recede from this position in Japan with rather fight than recede from the Japan with rather fight than received making the Japan with the Japan with the Japan with Japan with

#### GRAFTON HALL IS BURNED TO GROUND

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEESBURG, VA., Dec. 23.—Information has just been received here of the dehas just been received here of the de-struction of house No. 6, belonging to the Dulancy estate near Upperville, by fire on Tuesday night about 8 o'clock. The house is occupied by Mr. Richard Du-lancy, and is known as Grafton Hall. The fire originated from an explosion of an oil lamp in the building. The contents were burned, and the entire loss is about \$30,000. The house alone costs about \$55,00. The amount of the insurance is not known.

#### M'CLELLAN NAMES POLICE COMMISSIONER

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mayor-elect McClellan to-night announced the appointments of former Assistant Secretary of
the Navy William McAdoo as Police Commissioner. Maurice Featherstone as Dock
Commissioner and John C. Hertia and
William Harman Black as Commissioners
of Accounts.

# WAR CAN HARDLY BE AVERTED

Japan and Russia Will Come to Blows.

#### NO YIELDING ON PART OF JAPAN

Line Has Been Drawn From Which She Will Make no Concessions.

#### INCESSANT ACTIVITY AT HEADQUARTERS

Transport and Other Arrangements Complete and Japan Is Quietly Awaiting the Reply of Russia-An Alliance With China Has Been

Suggested.

faint prospect that war between Japan lomatic corps at the Chinese capital, whose opinions regarding the Japanese Minister Uchida and Sir Etnest

British diplomatic service in Japan for a quarter of a century. He is one of nese history and literature, and is in constant communication with the foreconstant communication with the for-most statesmen of Japan. He is quoted as saying that any one who imagines that Japan will not fight for what she conceives to be her greatest interests does not know the Japanese people. Minister Uchida is an adherent of the "Young Japan purty," and has always advocated war, if necessary to secure the evacuation of Manchuria.

#### Has Drawn the Line.

Has Drawn the Line.

The optimistic feelings in some quarters concerning war between Japan and Russia are not shared by the other diplomats at Pekin, whose knowledge of the present situation of affairs entitles their opinions to the highest consideration. It is positively known that the Japanese government has drawn the line for a settlement, beyond which it will not make any material concessions, and that she is determined to fight before yielding what she considers to be her vital interests. It is believed that unless Russia concedes important points another exchange of notes will precipitate.

They foresee the many perils menacing China in the event of war and the possibilities that a partition of the empire may result from China's inability to maintain the neutrality of her harbors and subjects.

Alliance Possible. The younger officials and the news-

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## A REGISTRAR IS INELIGIBLE

A Man Cannot be Election Officer and Hold Other Office.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., December 23.—The constitutional question of whether a regstrar may hold elective office is in-

constitutional question of whether a registrar may hold elective office is involved in the contest case brought by the fusionists against Edmund Christian, elected a supervisor from Washington district, Judge Sims, of Louisa, heard the case to-day. The argument on the constitutional points involved was extremely interesting, and the decision is expected to be of far-reaching significance.

The demurrer to the alignations affecting Mr. Christian's ineligibility to a seat in the Board of Supervisors was argued by Joseph T. Lawless, of the firm of Jeffries and Lawless, counsel for the contestees. He admitted the fact that Mr. Christian was at the time of his election to a seat on the Board of Supervisors a registrar for Washington district, Norfolk county.

The demurrer raises the polift, however, that the statute debarring registrars from holding elective office is unconstitutional, on the ground that the Constitution itself prescribes the qualifications of those who may hold office, and that the Legislature exceeds its powers when it attempts to impose additional qualifications.

Mr. Frank L. Crocker, of counsel for the contestants, held that the statute is not one designed to impose additional qualifications upon office helders, but that it 4s an eminently proper safeguard thrown around the office of registrar.

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# TWAS THE SIXTY-THREE PERSONS KILLED DAY BEFORE **CHRISTMAS**

The Year's Most Gladsome Season at Hand.

#### AIR IS FULL OF FESTIVE SEASON

Great Holiday Crowds Begin to Throng the Gaily Deco-, rated Streets.

#### BE EXHILARATING SCENES ON BROAD STREET TO-NIGHT

Popular Thoroughfare Will be Ablaze With Light and Will-Resound With Merry Sounds. Dinners To-morrow at the Almshouse, Prisons and the Penitentiary.

over the land, the Christmas of 1903, with its promise, glad and full, of peace and a visitor welcome, a guest embraced.

near presence of the yuletide-a someit is projected. To the boy this something is perhaps the intoxicating smell of ploded, to the man it is the state that begins in the present and extends through one associated train of thought to shining eye and flushed cheek over the mysterious Christmas stocking, and bulging, but grateful To all it is a sense nounced than to-day-Christmas Eve, sort of independent holiday of itself.

The Broad Street Scenes.

boy's fireworks to the hurried step of the late shopper one reads at every hand the unmistakable sign. Broad Street is the Christmas thermom

efter that responds to every touch of the holiday celebration. No other record than this need be kept. Day by day seed new advance of Christmas has been side walks of this busiest of streets. A week ago it began with a good outpouring. By yesterday and last night it had increased to huge proportions. To-night all Richmond will be there, and until the night of Christmas eve has faded into the early morning of Christ-mas itself the squares will be alive with all classes and conditions of men and

That it will be a sight worth seeing no one can doubt. The long street will be brilliantly lighted, and for some ten squares of it the people will surge along the sidewalks. All the stores will be open, and on the inside half maddened clerks will contend with half-maddened crowds, fearful of missing this last chance of making the final Christmas

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## PISTOL FIGHT IN **GAMBLING ROOM**

One Man Dead, Another Breath ing His Last and a Third Badly Wounded.

Badly Wounded.

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 23.—As the result of a pistol fight in a gambling room at an early hour to-day, Thomas J. Reynolds is dead, James L. Doss is breathing his last in a hospital, and Julian Rosenthal is wounded at his home. All are professional gamblers. The difficulty occurred in Doss' place.

From the evidence, it seems the fight was the outcome of professional jealousy. Rosenthal ran an opposition room to that of Doss. This morning, after 3 o'clock, Rosenthal entered Doss' place and began to play. The play was heavy, the bets running into the hundreds. Rosenthal was loser. A dispute concerning chips arose, and in a second revolvers were drawn and a fusilade began, Five shots were fired. Doss was shot through the stomach. Reynolds, an employe of the room, received almost an identical wound. Rosenthal was slot in the hip, the builet flattening against the bone.

Reynolds died in the hospital to-night.

one. Reynolds died in the hospital to-night. Doss is dying. Rosenthal will probably

Once Home.

Mr. J. G. Fitzgerald, general foreman of the Scahourd Air Line shops, has left for his home, Deposit, N. Y. to spend the Christmas holidays, taking with him the best wishes of all the employes. Mr. Fitzgerald has become very popular with the employes and officials during his stay leve.

# SANTA CLAUS IN A QUANDARY.

Charges Preferred Against Judge Boyd, of Western North

Carolina District.

His Refusal to Hold Term of Court at Williasboro at Bottom of Them.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Judge Boyd made some severe strictures upon the town and probably the people. He declared that it was impossible to find a decent night's lodging at a hotel in the place, and otherwise involghed against the little town as the place of a term of the United States Court.

MAY BE AFRAID.

Though the bill became a law, it has been a nullity, for the reason that the Judge refused, and still refuses, to hold court at Wilkesboro, it has been suggested-indeed, it was said at the time Judge Boyd was giving Wilkesboro such a black eye-that he would be afraid to hold a term of court there should the bill to was fighting become a law. He seems to have solved his difficulty by not going. It is said that Judge Boyd does not stand well with the administration any longer because of an interview which was printed in a North Carolina, paper recently, in the course of the interview Sudge Boyd was said to have said, referring to the refusal of Judge Robinson, of North Carolina, to sit at the table at the recent dinner given the members of the Republican National Committee in this city, because of the fact that there was a negro member at the board, that his ticket for 1904 was Theodore Roosevelt and J. S. O'B, Robinson. "Every man who believes in white people eating with negroes could vote for Roosevelt, and those who oppose could vote for Robinson," said the Judge. It is said that he has not been in the best of standing with the administration since the appearance of the alleged interview.

APPOINTED BY M'KINLEY.

Judge Boyd was appointed to the bench by Mr. McKinley. It is said he has made a good judge, and it is not believed that there is anything in the charges involving his personal character.

The Judiclary Committee of the House has already been charged with the duty of investigating charges against United Scies Judge Swayne, of Florida. It my be that this Congress will undertake the impeachment of two members of the Federal judiclary, Indeed, there is said to be prospect of charges being made against another judge, which m

#### Report Contradicted.

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(by Associated Press.)

NEW YORK. Dec. 23.—The yacht
Roamer, the wreck of which was reported in a cable dispatch from Nassau,

N. P., on December 18th, was not the
steam yacht of that name owned by H.

C Roome, A dispatch was sent to-day
by Mr. Roome, from Mami, Fla., te
the Associated Press as follows:

"Contradict wreck of mry yacht Roamer;
wreck probably is schooner, Yacht
Roamer, of Baltimore,"

## TO IMPEACH LOVE LAUGHS NO TREATY NO CANAL A JUDGE AT BARRIERS

Beautiful Richmond Girl Elopes With a Medical Student.

## THEY ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC RETURN TO BE FORGIVEN WILL BE NO HOSTILITIES

Miss Gladys E, Cole Weds Mr. E. N. Robinson in Washington-Reception Here.

played in Richmond and Washington, Cole, a beautiful young girl of seventeer years, who resided with her mother, Mrs this city, eloped to Washington with Ma dent, of Woodlawn, Carroll county, and became man and wife. Arron county, and consented to the match, but the father of the girl objected on account of her tender years.

tender years.

The happy couple have returned to the city, and the father has forgiven both, Mr. Robinson is a cought of Dr. S. M. Robinson, former member of the House from Carroll county, and will graduate from the Medical College of Virginia next seekly.

her sister. Mrs. Shugarter, met made chaborate arrangements for entertaining the young people and their friends. The latter will give them a reception at her home. No. 805 East Leigh Street, to-morrow night, and on the night of January 4th Mrs. Cole will lender one at her home, No. 411 North Ninth Street.

Young Robinson has for some time been a bearder in the house of Mrs. Cole. For the present the couple will reside there.

## VADEN CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

The Jury Return Verdict of Not Guilty-Demonstration

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHESTERFIELD, VA., Dec. 23.-Walter Vaden, who has been on trial here for week for the killing of Robert S. Webster on Vaden's farm, in the western end of the county, near the Appointation River, the 18th of last July, was discharged this afternoon,

His wife and four children, his three brothers and two sisters, were in the court room and an affecting scene ensued when, after twenty minutes, the jury returned to the court room with the verdiet "not' guilty." It will be remembered that the three

Webster brothers came into Vaden's cornfield, where he was at work, to take him to task about certain things they had heard he said about a member of their family. An encounter took place and Vaden stabbed Webster in the neck with his pocket knife, severing the jugular

Mr. H. M. Smith, of Richmond, and Judge Gregory proscented the case, and Page and Wells defended Vaden.

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There were several other cases to be tried at this term, including Berkly White, for murder, but owing to the time occupied by the Vaden case the others went over to the next term.

# timore & Ohio Smashed.

DOWN INTO RIVER

THIRTY INJURED, BESIDE

The Shrieks of Passengers Were Awful, as Many Were Pinioned Under Wreckage of Cars. Crash Came When Train Was Running at a High

ENGINEER WILLIAM THORNLY, OF

DIVISION ENGINEER S. G. HEALER,

HERBERT HOLMES, of Emmelton, JESSIE HINES, Tarboro, N. C., the

CHARLES LINDENFORD, of Conflu-

a dumborland.

J. W. MARTIN, Hancock, Md.

RICHARD DUCKETT, Baltimore Md.

EDSON GOLDSMITH, Connelleylle.

foreigners and negroes, who were riding in the smoking car, The work of their identification has not yet begun.

Running Late.

The train left Pittsburg this evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Compelis-

ama, they were not sufficient to obligate a defeat of the treaty. He said he believed if the treaty were defeated it would result in no canal, for it was pretty certain that the Nicaragua alternative, when it came to ratifying a teraty with Costa Rica and Nicaragua, would be defeated, and this country would again have to come back and try a deal with Colombia. The ex-senator does not believe either that the Colombians will in the end attempt hostillites against the United States, as the building of the canal at Panama would henceft Colombia, inevitably, not-withstanding the political separation from

This View of Situation Taken

by Former Senator

He Believes Colombia Realizes

That Building of Canal is to

Her Advantage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 23.

canal question, expressed his belief that

the Hay-Varilla treaty would be ratified. Mr. Pugh said he had studied the ques

tion carefully, and whatever might bo the objections to the incidents attending

ama, they were not sufficient to obligate

Indecisive Battle.

HIGGEISIVE Battle.

(By Associated Press.)

SHANGHAI, Doc. 23.—The Tartar gonoral at Karin reports that an indecisive battle has occurred between four battainons of Chinese from Hung Chung and fifteen hundred Koreans, whi invaded Chinese territory from Kyeng Chung, in northeast Korea,

## KILLED WOMAN HE WISHED TO MARRY

Samuel W. Lee Then Fires Two Shots Into His Own Breast and Cuts His Throat.

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 23.-Jealous because his brother's widow, Mrs. Florence Lee, intended to marry another man, Samuel W. Lee, aged thirty, to-day shot and killed the woman in her rooms in Holmes Street, and then made an offort to end his own life. Soon after his brother died, a year ago, Lee became attentive to Mrs. Lee, and repeatedly urged her to marry him. To-day, when he intercepted a letter to the woman from a man whom she admitted she intended to marry, a quarrel ensued. After vainly trying to persuade her to marry him, Lee fired twice at the woman. Both shots took effect in Mrs. Lee's breast, but she managed to reach the door and tried to escape,

Lee, pursuing, fired twice more at the fleeing woman, who fell dead in the stairway. Lee then fired two bullets into his own breast, and was trying to locate his heart for a third shot when neighbors broke into the room. Escaping from a rear door, Lee fled down the alley. Hefore he was captured and overpowered he cut his throat with a knife. will die

Duquesne Special on Bal-

## CARS PLUNGE

Strong Men Faint From Terrific Force Alone of the Crash.

## LONG LIST OF DEAD

Rate of Speed.

23.-With a terrible crash and grind

FIREMAN THOMAS COOK, of Hazels

Julon News agont on the train.

EDWARDS, Pittsburg, Pa., wite

Pa.
The other fifty-three dead are mostly

Engineer William Thorney, of Collectivitie. When approaching Laurel Run, which is a particularly fine piece of roadbed, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were thrown from their seats by the lighting-like application of the air brake, and the complete the results of the seats by the lighting-like application of the air brake, and the complete there was a terrific crash.

Terrific Force.

beneath the heavy timbers, piequed is agonized tones for relief.

Terrific Force.

So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly overy pasenger suffored a moment's unconsciousness and many of the able-hodded men were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreek on account of having fainted.

The official statement of Superintendent W. C. Lorek follows:

"No. 12 was derailed by running into some switch-timbers or timbers of about that size, derailing the engine and all carrs. All the cars are badly damaged. Do not think any of the equipment will be able to go away from the accident on their own wheels, except possibly the Pulman cars and the diner. The engine lies across both trucks. The bagage car is over the bank. The lirst coach is partificent to be superinted to the first coach is partificent to be superinted to the first coach, scalding the spole. Very few of the other passengers were injured. Injured have been taken from the wreek and are lying on the bank. Engineer and firoman cannot by found."

The killed, most of them, were foreigners who were in the smoker, just back of the bagage car. They were litterally reasted to death, the baggage and smoker telescoping, the engine immediately catching fire. They bedies are lying many of them burned to a crisp in the baggage room of the Baltimore and Onto depot to be removed later to the different undertaking shops in the city. The entire population has turned out on masse to assist in caring for the Itying, and in disposing of the dead. A peculiar feature of the accident is the fact thut not a woman was injured, except slightly. The wreck was caused by the breaking of casting on a carload of bridge timbers on a west-bound freight train which had passed Laurel Run, not more than fifteen minutes before the Ill-fated passenger train. The wreck occurred on a curve, and it was impossible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough shead to detect the obstruction on the timbers at a velocity of sixty miles an hour. The engine ploughed throughed into the engi

Roasted to Death. The smoker followed the engine and landed squarely on top of it. This allowed the escaping signm and hot water from.